RAM'S TALE '49

Gaylord Mason

Best of Luck to a swell kid.
Clara

To swell kid
Tom
"51"

Wm. Augustine

To a little Pest
Bill Lucas
"51"

Good Luck
Shirley Baker

Best of Luck
to a swell kid
Lots of Luck
Ann Seley
"51"

Good Luck
Shirley
-50-

Be a good little boy and grow up
God bless you
John Andrews '51

Best of Luck
to a swell kid
Dick Hall
"52"

Dorie Crainer
'52

Good Luck
Pam
"51"

Best of Luck
to a swell kid
Jim Hay
-51-

"Good luck to a swell kid. Irene Dwyer"
'49

Maurice Silby
'51

To my friend
Jim Ingram

Good Luck to the monkey of the 7th hr Math class.
Carley
52

Good luck and hope you make it
Ralph Buck
'52

Best of luck
Marian Spaulding
'52

Best of luck to a fellow sufferer
Ken Blayden

Best Wishes
Cheryl
52 - merle Gilbert
(Bobby)

Best of luck to a little pest.
(and hug)
"Nita"
'52

Best of luck to the boy with the big green eyes!
Barb "50"

Best Wishes Always
Bobby

Good Luck
Col Sanders

Loads of luck
Darrel Shultz

Good Luck Ronny
Vern
'50

Best of luck
Barbra Gedritis
'52

Good Luck
Jay
'51

Best Wishes
Jean Scott
Jean Scott

Harvey Hall

Good Luck
many more
1950

Best Wishes Ronny
Richard Davies

Best of luck Bobby
Jack
"52"

Lots of Luck
Betty Bydam
'51

Best of Luck
"Joe"
Joan McClavan
'52

"Best of Luck
Joyce"

Best of luck
in the feature
as you next year
Sara.

Good Luck
to a fellow
Freshman
Marilyn Berry

Best of luck
in the future
Rooster
"49"

Best Luck
Bob
-51-

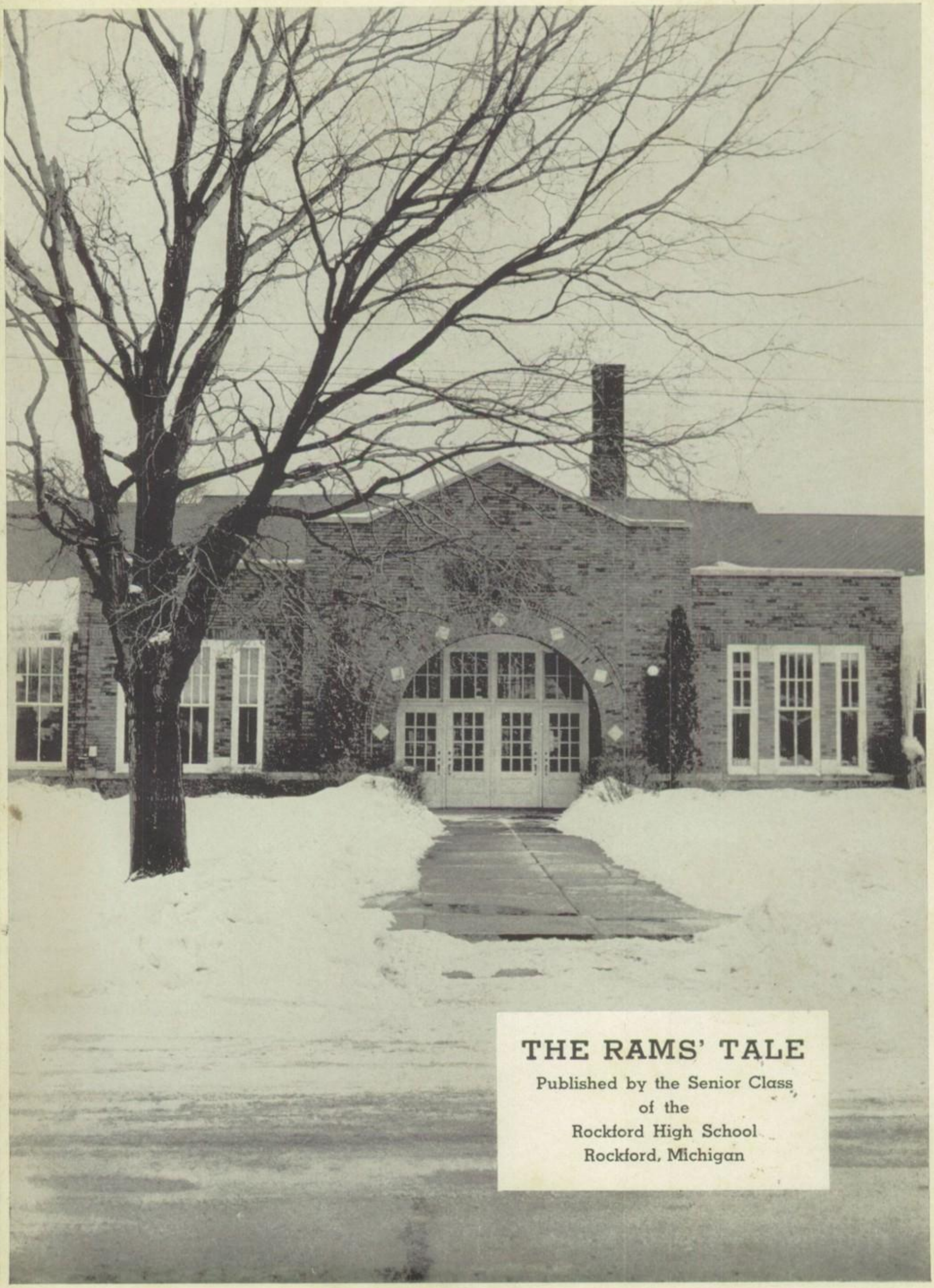
Best of Luck
always
Joan

Best of luck &
hope to know
you better next
year.
Donna
"51"

To one of the best,
in the Freshman
Class.
Jeanne
-52-

"Good things come
in little packages"
Jane
"52"

To a little pest!
Carole Wingard
-50-



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DEDICATION

"When Duty whispers low, 'thou must';
The Youth replies, 'I can'."

The senior class of "49" dedicates this annual to one of its former members, Geoffrey Bell.

Although "Jeff" is no longer with us, his unconquerable determination, true friendliness, jolly spirit, and understanding will long serve as inspirations for success to those who knew him.

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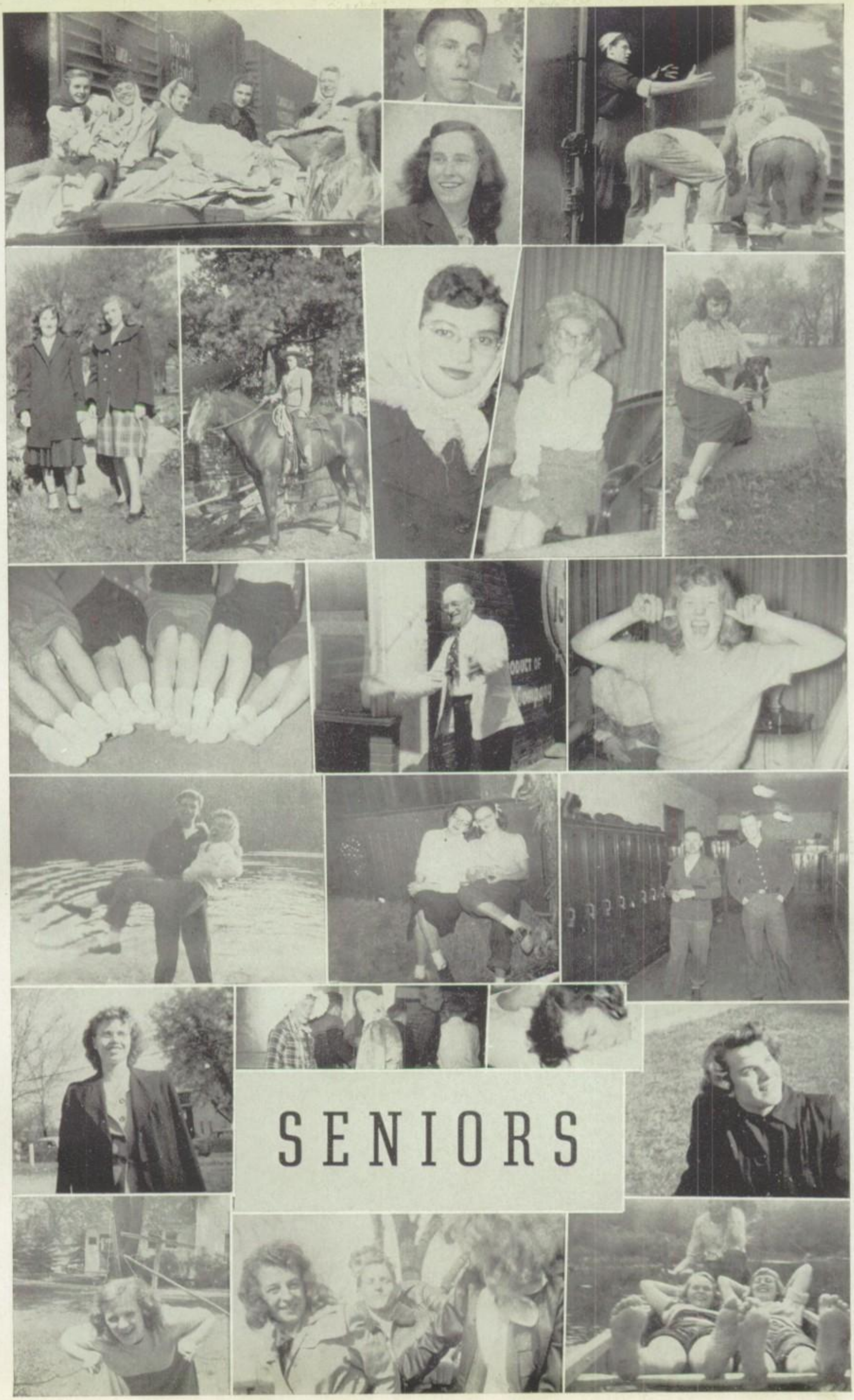


SENIORS

CLASS OFFICERS: Claudine Cole, secretary; Shirlie Dennis, president; Bernie Young, vice-president; Janice Clark, treasurer.

The Year of the "Forty-Niners"

The "forty-niners" began their senior year by electing Shirlie Dennis, president; Bernie Young, vice-president; Claudine Cole, secretary; and Janice Clark, treasurer. Our class advisors were Mr. Fox and Miss Woodmansee.

As senior classes before us had done, we begin to sell refreshments after the football games and later extended the project to cover the basketball games. The paper drives which we had begun in our junior year were continued, and baked goods sales were held. Slowly, but surely, our class treasury began to grow.

In November we presented our senior play entitled "We Shook The Family Tree" with Mr. Harold Klatt as our director. It was a hilarious success.

With music supplied by Ray Bush and his orchestra, the annual Yule Hop was presented with all its colorful grandeur.

Early in the year the class decided to put out an annual. Committees were chosen and Phyllis Parks and Marianne Beatty became co-editors-in-chief. With the cooperative efforts of the entire senior class, another "tale of the Rams" came into being.

The Class of "49" reached the peak of its career when it decided to go to both Washington and New York for skip day. Never before had a class of Rockford High attempted such an undertaking. With the fulfillment of this hoped-for event our four years of cooperative work had reaped a fruitful harvest which we shall never forget.

As we stand on the threshold of our graduation portals, we linger over fond memories of the "past forever gone," and gaze uprightly into the "future still our own."

DICK ADAMS

"Youth comes but once in a lifetime".

Basketball 2, 3, 4
Tennis 1, 2, 3
R Club
Co-ed Club
Usher Jr. Play

MARTHA ADDISON

"High-erected thoughts seated in the heart of courtesy."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
Teachers Club
Jr. Play Prompter

CAROLE AMMERMAN

"Nothing is so difficult but that it may be found out by seeking."

Usher Sr. Play
Rams' Tale Staff 4
Choir 2, 3, 4

GERALD ANDERSON

"Give me Liberty—or leisure."

Baseball 2, 3, 4
Football 3, 4
Band 2, 3, 4
Choir 2, 3, 4
Police force 3
R Club
Co-ed Club

DON ARMSTRONG

"A man of few words with a friendly disposition."

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball, 1, 2, 4
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Choir 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
R Club
Co-ed Club
Secretary Jr. Class

ED ATKINSON

"All work and no play would make Ed a dull boy."

Basketball 2, 3, 4
Football 3, 4
Track 2
R-Club
Student Council 4
Choir 4

MARIANNE BEATTY

"I never let my studies interfere with my education."

Co-Editor Rams' Tale 4
Co-ed Club
Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
Jr. Play Business Mgr.

ETHELDA BOOMERSHINE

"Sweet content, and pleasant."

ARTHUR BLISS

"To be young is surely best, even if most precarious."

GEORGE BETTS

"Be yourself, and you will be original."

BERYL BRADLEY

"His heart is in everything he does."

Student Council 3
Stage Crew Jr. and Sr. Plays

BOB BRANDER

"His work but makes his leisure more enjoyable."

Properties Jr. Play

JIM BLY

"Young fellows must be young fellows."

Band 4

THERESA CASTOR

"There is something of Paradise in a little woman."

G.A.A.
F.H.A.

JANICE CLARK

"Our muse of the cultural arts."

Co-ed Club
Band 1, 2
Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
All-State Choir 3
Jr. Play Cast
Sr. Play Cast
Sr. Class Treasurer

WENDELL CLARK

"A mind of his own."

Basketball 1, 3, 4
Football 4
Tennis 1, 2, 3
R Club
Co-ed Club
Choir 4

CLAUDINE COLE

"Action is the proper fruit of knowledge."

Choir 2
Rams' Tale Staff 4
Sr. Class Secretary
F.H.A.

RONALD COLE

"I don't want to be an artist; I am an artist."

Basketball 4
Football 4
Track 2, 3, 4
Choir 2, 3, 4
R Club
Co-ed Club
Student Council 4
Rams' Tale Staff 4

LARRY CORCORAN

"I believe in getting as much out of life as I can."

Basketball 4
Football 3, 4
Track 2, 3, 4
R Club
Co-ed Club
Choir 2, 3, 4
Chief of Police 4
Jr. Play Cast

BOB CRAMER

"Why worry when there are so many others to do it for you."

Football 2, 3, 4,
Basketball Mgr. 2
R Club
Co-ed Club
F.F.A.

GENE CRYSTAL

"Rather would I do it my way."

Baseball 2, 3, 4
R Club
F. F. A.

BOB DELL

"Oh life, how thou dost charm me!"

Basketball 4
Tennis 2, 3, 4
R Club
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Choir 4
Co-ed Club
Student Council 3, 4
Student Court 4

DICK DENNIS

"None but himself can be parallel."

Basketball 2, 4
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 1, 2, 3, 4
R Club
Choir 2, 3, 4
Jr. Play Cast
Sr. Play Cast
Rams' Tale Staff 4
Mayor 4

SHIRLIE DENNIS

"A school career marked by leadership and versatility."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
Student Council 1, 4
G.A.A.
Co-ed Club
Soph. Class Treasurer
Sr. Class President
Jr. Play Cast

HOWARD DEWEY

"The kind you would expect to find in Utopia."

Choir 2, 3, 4
Rams' Tale Staff 4
Co-ed Club

IRENE DRYER

"A merry heart goes all the way."

Co-ed Club
G.A.A.
Choir 4

ED EBELEIN

"Carefree, sporty, and a ladies' man."

Rams' Tale Staff 4
Programs Jr. & Sr. Plays
Rocket Editor 4

DAN ELERICK

"The sense and nonsense of the senior class well collected."

Track 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Jr. Play Cast
Sr. Play Cast
F.F.A.

SUE ERICKSON

"Good humor is health of the soul."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
Co-ed Club
Jr. Play Cast

MAUDIE FESSENDEN

"So sweet the blush of bashfulness."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4

JACK FIFER

"Rural life is a man's happiness

Co-ed club
F.F.A.
Sr. Play Cast
Chief Justice 4

RUSSELL GAVE

"A rare compound of mischief and fun."

Co-ed Club
Stage Crew Jr. Play

MILDRED GILSTEADT

"In her quietness is charm."

G.A.A.
Teachers Club
Ushers St. Play

CHARLES GRAFF

"Hark! Is that the tardy bell I hear?"

SHIRLEY GRAVES

"Still achieving, still pursuing."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Co-ed Club
F.H.A.

CHARLES GROVER

"Modesty is a great attraction for the opposite sex; the fellows vouch for him too."

Co-ed Club
Stage Crew Sr. Play

SHIRLEY GRUMLEY

"With her eyes in flood with laughter."

Co-ed Club

LESLIE HARTZELL

"Books are the chloroform of the mind."

Stage Manager Jr. Play

JOYCE HOOKER

"She often burns the midnight oil, but we're sorry to say it's not for toil."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
Cheerleader
Co-ed Club
Sr. Play Cast

VERA JENNE

"Her success as a teacher is assured."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
Co-ed Club
G.A.A.
Sr. Play Cast
Teachers Club

DELORES JEWELL

"Easy to know, easier to like."

Choir 2, 3, 4
G.A.A.
Student Council 2, 3, 4
Sr. Play Cast
Girls' Ensemble 3
Soph. Class President
Co-ed Club

LOUIS JOHNSON

"A good athlete—a swell Guy."

Baseball 3, 4
Football 3, 4
R Club
Co-ed Club
Student Council 3

BARBARA KEATING

"May she never change except in mane."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Choir 2, 3, 4
F.H.A.
G.A.A.
Co-ed Club
Sr. Play Cast

JUNE KRUPP

"Quiet ways have great charm."

SHIRLEY LABAR

"A smile that disarms and a charm that conquers."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
F.H.A,
Advertising Sr. Play

PHIL LANGRIDGE

"Girls may come and girls may go, but I go on forever."

Football 4
Track 4
Band 4
Co-ed Club

DARLENE LAPREE

"I know which side my bread is buttered on."

G.A.A.

IRENE LILLEY

"Quiet but full of friendliness and thought."

Co-ed Club
Commencement Committee

ED LODDEN

"Imagination lends interest to life."

Baseball 3, 4
R Club
Co-ed Club
Usher Jr. Play
Choir 4
F.F.A.

JOANN MAY

"She just the pleasant kind whose nature never varies."

G.A.A.
F.H.A.
Co-ed Club
Student Council 2,
Student Court 3, 4
Choir 3, 4
Teachers Club
Director Jr. Play
Fresh. Class Secretary

BARBARA McBRIDE

"They can conquer who believe they can."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
Co-ed Club
G.A.A.
Student Council 2, 3
Jr. Play Cast

HARRY McFALL

"Small measure but of superfine quality."

Best of Luck

JOAN MORRIS

"We cannot discover her faults."

Choir 2, 3, 4
Girls Ensemble 3
Teachers Club
G.A.A.

CLARA NAFFZIGER

"Grace and beauty move in one accord."

G.A.A.
Choir 3, 4
Sr. Play Usher
Jr. Play Programs

GORDON NELSON

"You've got to be a football hero."

Football 3, 4
Track 3, 4
R Club
F.F.A.
Co-ed Club
Police Force 4
Choir 4

MARJORIE NELSON

"She has a way and it's the right way."

Band 3, 4
F.H.A.
G.A.A.
Teachers Club

HILMA NEUHAUS

"There is seldom too much of a good thing."

F.H.A.
Choir 3, 4
Jr. & Sr. Play make-up

PHYLLIS PARKS

"Sincere friendliness is a quality which few posses, but all admire."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
Co-ed Club
F.H.A.
Rams' Tale 3, co-editor 4
Teachers Club
Jr. Play makeup

PAT PIERSON

"Her presence is known by what she doesn't say."

Choir 3, 4
Co-ed Club

ALVIN PLATT

"He is the most powerful who has power over himself."

F.F.A.

RALPH ROESNER

"Just education forms a man."

Track 3, 4

BESSIE ROOSA

"It is tranquil people who accomplish much."

Choir 2, 3, 4
Co-ed Club
G.A.A.

BOB SCHAAP

"To worry little, to study little, is my idea of happiness."

F.F.A.

BETTY LOU SHIER

"Silence is more eloquent than words."

Band 2, 3
Jr. Play Cast
Co-ed Club
G.A.A.
Rams' Tale Staff 4

CARL SMITH

"Smile your way through."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Co-ed Club
Student Council 4

NORMAN SMITH

"Too much labor is bad for the soul."

Baseball 4
Student Council 4

ED SOLOMON

"He who goes leisurely, goes safely and far."

Basketball 4
Football 3, 4
Tennis 1, 2, 4
R Club
Co-ed Club
Band 1, 2, 3
Choir 3, 4

CAROLE SOUFFROU

"Good sense and good nature are never separated."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
F.H.A.
Sr. Play Cast

WES STAFFORD

"A dare-devil in chemistry laboratory."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Jr. Class Treasurer
Co-ed Club
Sound Effects Jr. Play

REX STINSON

"I'm just a country boy at heart."

F.F.A.

MYRON STOUFFER

"So many irons in the fire."

Football 2, 3, 4
Tennis 1, 2, 3
R Club
Co-ed Club
Band 1, 2, 3

MARILYN SWANSON

"Her wary fingers on the wary keys strayed in a fitful fantasy."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
All-State Choir 3
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Jr. Play Cast
Student Council 4
Co-ed Club

RONALD SWANSON

"Of every noble work the silent part is best."

Co-ed Club
Track 4

ARLOA SWEET

"One cannot gild a lily."

Usher Commencement 3

BOB SWIDER

"His heart and sentiment are free, and shall long live in R.H.S"

Sr. Play Stage Crew

JOYCE TOMPKINS

"A little shy with strangers, but we know her."

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4

CENA MAE VANDYKE

"Happy-go-lucky with a smile for everyone."

Usher Commencement 3
Teachers Club
Sr. Play Usher

BILL WILKINSON

"Bill, loves not studies less, but recreation more."

Football 1, 2
Track 4
Stage Crew Jr. Play

ED WOLVEN

"Thought is the wind."

Baseball 1, 2, 4
Football 3, 4
Track 3
R Club
Co-ed Club
Band 1, 2
Jr. Play Cast
Sr. Play Cast
Student Council 3
Student Court 4
Rams' Tale Staff 3, 4

BERNIE YOUNG

"Blackstone had better watch his laurels."

Basketball 4
Football 4
Band 4
Choir 4
R Club
Co-ed Club
Rams' Tale Staff 4

BARBARA ZIMMERMAN

"She asks no favors and shirks no responsibility."

Co-ed Club
G.A.A.
Choir 1, 2, 3, 4
Jr. Play makeup
Sr. Play tickets

Barb. Zimmerman

ADVISORS

MR. FOX

MISS WOODMANSEE

CLASS MOTTO: *The past forever gone, the future still our own.*

CLASS COLORS: *Maroon and White.*

CLASS FLOWER: *White Carnation.*

Class History

Miss Sawyer took only one look at the twenty-five boys and girls who streamed into her kindergarten room on that September morning of 1936, and stepped back aghast.

After a heavy morning schedule of work in the sand box, we had our morning lunches, consisting of milk and crackers, and then wearily tumbled onto our rugs for a bit of shut-eye.

During this first year of school, we built a train — like none that had ever been built before. We shall always remember the train as the first project undertaken by the class.

We were all thrown out of the back door of the kindergarten and marched into the front door of the first grade after completing two semesters under Miss Sawyer.

Under the supervision of Miss Brakeman, we started this business commonly termed studying. It was in the first grade that we were introduced to the Dick and Jane primary reader. At the conclusion of the year we knew the book "kiver to kiver."

Stumbling into the second grade we faced Miss Cross. Our reading capacity improved and our arithmetic became increasingly difficult.

In the third grade we had Miss Harlan for our teacher. A novel experience for us was the making of candles.

In the fourth grade, we were tutored by Miss Phander. An activity greatly enjoyed was the erection of a large grass hut in our classroom.

Next, the fifth grade presented itself. Here we acquired a much needed lesson in discipline never to be forgotten. It was Miss Turner who conducted the correction of way-ward students. Under her guiding hand we learned much. A puppet show high-lighted the year's activities.

Passing from the fifth grade, we began our last year of elementary school, the sixth grade. Our teachers were Miss Steebe and Miss Stowe.

At long last we reached the seventh grade, eager to begin Jr. High School. It was a bewildered group of students that groped around the halls those first few weeks hunting for their rooms. It was a new experience for us to move from room to room. Miss Ferguson handled our English and geography classes.

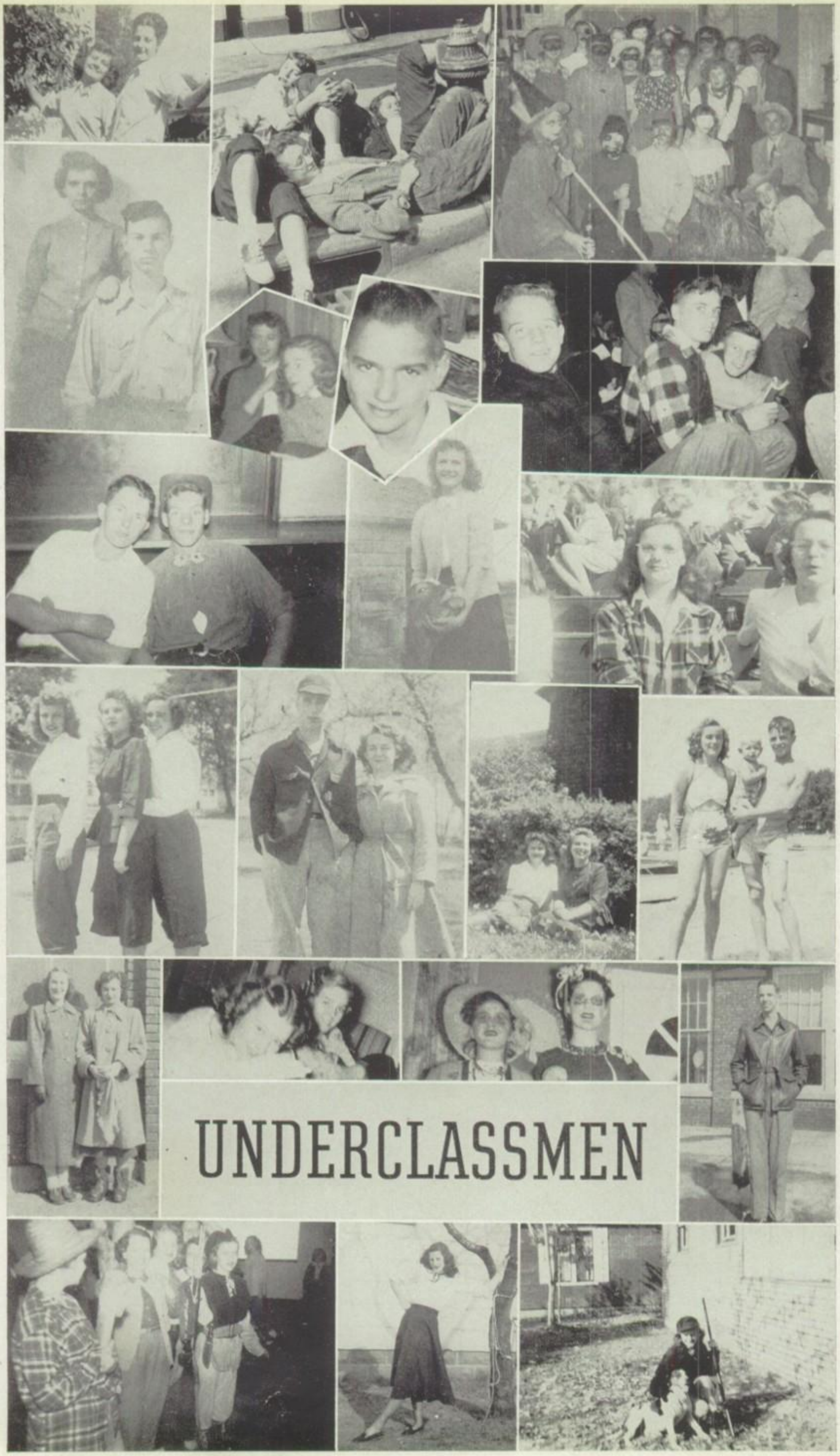
In the eighth grade we enjoyed many fine parties. Mrs. Clark and Mr. Eby shared the burden that year.

The ninth grade — high school begins! We missed initiation proceedings because of a new ruling. Our high school schedules were made out, and as big, grown-up freshmen we began to take part in the high-school activities.

In the tenth grade we very willingly received hall lockers. During our sophomore year, we began to sponsor paper drives in the hope of enlarging our meager class treasury.

We entered our junior year full of vim and vigor, ready to meet any challenge that faced us. Our junior play "Spring Fever" under the direction of Miss Wezeman, was the hit of the year and gave the on-looking audience comedy at its best. Our class initiated the prom-banquet, and was awarded by having an outstanding group present.

Our senior year, at last! The most looked forward to of our first eighteen years. We had sixteen of our original class plus sixty-seven others to boast the largest graduation class in the history of the school. This year has come and passed too quickly. The memories formed here will linger long in our hearts, and the knowledge we have gained will lastingly serve us. As we approach the portals through which others have passed, we turn back and bid our beloved school — farewell.



UNDERCLASSMEN

Juniors

Helen Beauchamp, Alma Bishop,
Norris Bly, Helen Braman,
Jack Brown, Kletis Caldwell

Mary Callis, Marjory Cole,
Marilyn Cole, Dick Covell,
Rosella Crist, Marjory Den Braber

LaVon Dorais, Lyla Durfee,
Marilyn Eadie, Michael Farmer,
Don Feikema, James Finch

Clara Fleming, Carolyn Friske,
Beverly Fritts, George Gryka,
Don Hall, Vernon Hammond

Bob Hargraves, Don Harmer,
Betty Hobdy, Ann Hulett,
Beverly Jewell, Beulah Johnson

Joan Johnson, Charles Jorgensen,
Harlow Judson, Lois Lamb,
Bill Lockwood, Marjory Mallette

Tom McCarthy, Sally Morehouse,
Tom Neuhaus, Betty Novak,
Barbara Oom

Ruth Petersen, Robert Pitts,
James Pleune, Beatrice Posner,
Shirley Price

Ted Quist, Idamea Reed,
Mona Roesner, Joylene Rugg,
David Schultz

Margaret Shier, Marian Spalding,
Phyllis Steffen, Juanita Stewart,
Jim Streeter

Glenn Switzer, Betty Tiles,
Evelyn Towers, Mildred Van Dam,
Mary Francis Weir

Joan Weller, Roger Willett,
Carole Wingard, Bob Winquist,
Charles Wright

Sophomores

John Andrews, Dan Baker, Dave Baker,
Jim Baker, Connie Beukema,
Leigh Bloomfield, Sally Blossom

Margaret Bourdo, Betty Bovee,
Arlene Brander, Gale Brantner,
Betty Callen, Jack Carpenter,
Margaret Castor

James Chandler, John Chapman,
Ronald Chrisman, Mary Comstock,
Mary Ann Conner, Bill Corcoran,
Bill Cramer

Elenor Dean, Charles Dean,
Virginia Dorais, Glenn Driver,
Henry Finch, Marian Gould,
James Grey

John Hamilton, George Hanson,
Marie Hawkins, Doris Harrington,
Claribell Howell, Joe Janicke,
Dorothy Johnson

Ruth Kluonis, Jack Knopf, Joan LaBan,
Maurcie Lilley, Jack Lillie,
John Lodden, Roselyn Magoon

Gordon MacIntyre, Joyce Muller,
Dorthy Murray, Phillip Nielsen,
Betty Nydam, Margaret Nygard,
Fern Papke

Joyce Perrish, Paul Phelps,
Colleen Phinney, Eugene Pyne,
Marion Pyne, Leona Scutt

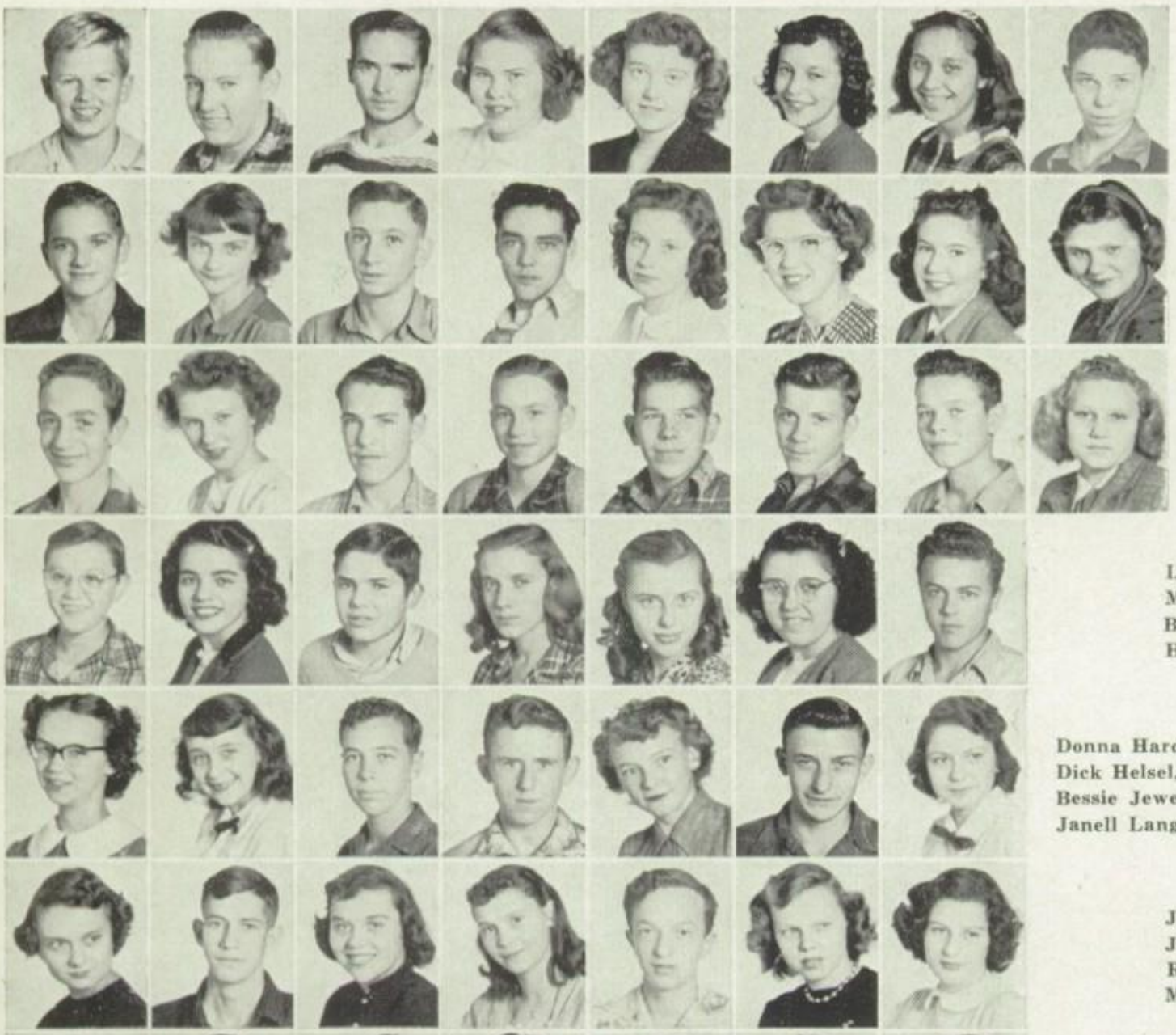
George Segard, Jack Shear,
Robert Shier, Robert Sovereign,
Dave Spaulding, Charlene Spinner

Pat Stafford, Lota Stanley,
Pat Trimn, Cella Vail,
John Van Dyke, Jack Vredenburg

Gerald Wainwright, Melvin Wainwright,
Robert Wainwright, Barbara Warren,
Pat Webster, Marsha Weir

Richard Willett, Robert Winegar,
Tom Winquist, Betty Wondergem,
Donna Wood, Margaret Woodworth

Freshmen



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Thomas DeFowl, Darlene DeYoung, Richard Dines, Glenn Dorais, Hoyt Eadie, Frederick Eberlein, Glenn Driver, Berdina Feikema

LaVern Fisch, Ruth Forman, Merle Galbreath, Mary Gave, Barbara Gedritis, Ruth Haggai, Haydn Hall

Donna Hardy, Charlotte Harper, Dick Helsel, James Hickok, Bessie Jewell, Bernard Jost, Janell Langridge

Jackie Mann, Gaylord Mason, Joan McClaren, Nancy Metzer, Raymond Morris, Helen Muste, Marilyn Perry

Odetta Petersen, Phillip Petley, Ted Platt, Sue Potokar, Cheryl Price, Barbara Richardson, Barbara Ryan

Ann Seeley, Tom Seelman, Willis Scott, Roman Sobie, Annette Sowerby, Meradell Stauffer, Marilyn Stahl

Norma Spaulding, John Steffen, Frederick Stegenga, Don Strickland, Carolyn Swanson, Kathryn Swanson, Raymond Swanson

Jim Ten Eyck, Jack Turner, Don Werner, Stanley Weir, Lois Wildey, Carol Wheeler, Ariadne Yeargin

Eighth Grade

Carl Adams, Pat Beukema,
Louise Allan, Barbara Ammerman,
Jack Bartholmey, Margaret Bell,
Roy Benner

Ed Bennett, Barbara Beintum,
Elizabeth Adamson, Jack Bloomfield,
Shirley Callis, Majorie Cole,
Susan Chaffee

Bernice Caniff, Shirley Civils,
Ronald Caniff, Clarence Commee,
Floyd Dewey, Orlie Downer,

Eva Dryer, Fritz Eby,
Ronald Fisch, Ed Finch,
Duane Forrest, Donald Forman

Dorothy Graf, Robert Grudzinskas,
Robert Harris, Marjorie Houtman,
Doris Hullett, Max Ingraham

Marjorie Jackson, Janica Zuck,
Jim Kleinert, Don Kreiger,
Victor Krause, Marilyn Kitson

Jack London, Leon Lockwood,
Adell Malher, Ronald Matson,
Billy McClaren, Marsha May

Jack Nelson, Theresa Broduski,
Doreen Pyne, Barbara Rice,
Forrest Roosa, Kay Seeley

Marilyn Smith, Don Shier,
Janet Sellon, Judy Strickland,
George Stanley, Lois Souffrou

Ina Towers, Bob Vander Jack,
Norman Visser, Janet West,
Bob Vander Jack, Kenneth Visser

Rudy Williams, Mildred Wise,
Maurice Wood, Melvin Wood,
Dick Wood, Barbara Young

Seventh Grade

Sue Adams, Ellen Adamson,
Virginia Andrews, Bernard Armstrong,
Harold Bailey

Gary Baldwin, Mary Ann Bass,
Eugene Berry, Nora Bennett,
Judy Brown

Ann Buckingham, Leo Byrne,
Ila Christenson, Kenny Cramer,
Sandra Day

John DeVries, Jerry DeMaagd,
Darlene Dykstra, Jerry Ford,
Richard Fowle

Patty Frye, Richard Grudzenhas,
Gwen Hardie, Bill Holmes,
Barbara House

David Ingraham, Shirley Jewell,
Barbara Knoff, Jackie Kozal

Maurine Lair, Jerry London,
Mary Jo McCabe, Eleanor McFall

Janeen McIntyre, Richard Nelsen,
Bob Novak, Benny Oldenkamp

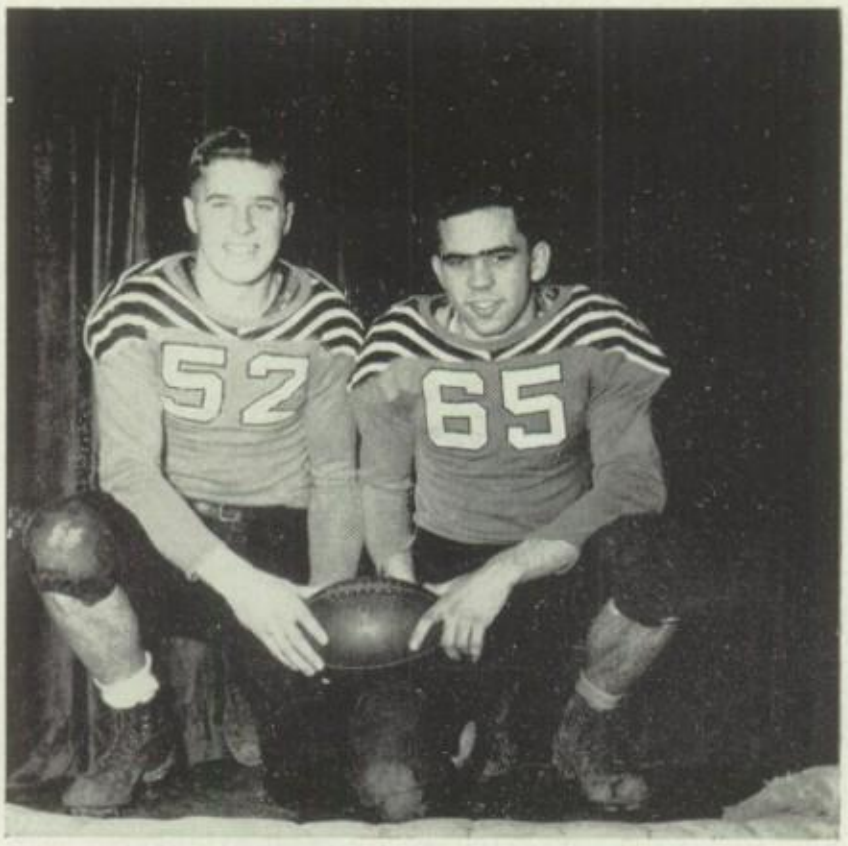
Katherine Osterheet, Phyllis Pitts,
Kenneth Ploeg, Tommy Sawicki

Joe Shear, Richard Sovereign,
Ivan Streeter, Carole Starr

Pat Stahl, Wayne Stinson,
Ivan Streeter, Patsy Wooden

Caren Tompsett, Gayle Lynefield,
Marvin Winegar, Larry Squires

ATHLETICS



Louis Johnson, Gordon Nelson

Most Valuable Players

Football

FOOTBALL RECORD

Rockford	6	Belding	6	Rockford	7	Grandville	6
Rockford	0	Lee	12	Rockford	7	Greenville	37
Rockford	0	East Grand Rapids	39	Rockford	0	Wyoming Park	6
Rockford	25	Comstock Park	6	Rockford	12	Godwin	12
Rockford	6	Lowell	6				

Rockford's 1948 football season opened with fullback Louis Johnson plunging 2 yds. for six points and a tie with the highly touted Belding Redskins. Against Lee in the season's first Grand Valley Conference encounter the Rams displayed a spirited attack but could not match the weight of the defending champs and bowed by a close 12-0 score. The roof came down on the inexperienced Rams when they were unable to cope with the speed and finesse of a powerful East Grand Rapids co-championship team and were soundly trounced 39-0. The victory starved Rams came back against Comstock Park and humbled them 25-6. Louie Johnson turned in the season's longest run as he scampered 75 yards in this game. Other scorers against the Parkers were Bernie Young, Larry Corcoran, and Chuck Jorgensen.

A more confident Rockford team donned their traveling gear and journeyed to Lowell to engage their traditional rivals the Red Arrows. The two teams battled to a thrilling 6-6 deadlock. The Ram's fighting spirit brought them from behind to score a fourth quarter touchdown when tackle Roger Willett recovered a loose ball in the end zone. Louie Johnson scored Rockford's lone touchdown as they edged out a spunky Grandville eleven, 7-6, and a week later he again scored the Ram's single counter but this time it was not enough. Greenville's Yellow Jackets walked over the Rams 37-7.

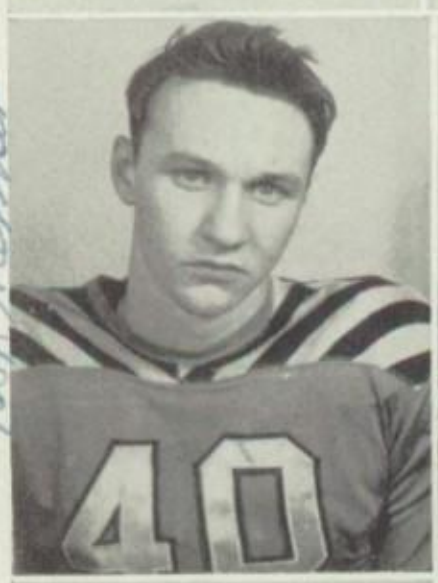
The Orange and Black suffered a 6-0 setback at the hands of a vengeful Wyoming Park team and then traveled to Godwin where they lost a heartbreaker, 13-12. Halfback Ed Wolven led the Rams up and down a muddy field in their bid to upset the co-champion Wolverines, but the scrappy Rams could not quite pull out a victory. Wolven scored the first Rockford tally and a 20-yard run and tackle Roger Willett blocked a punt that end Larry Corcoran fell on in Godwin's end zone.

At the close of the season Louie Johnson and guard Gordon Nelson were elected the team's Most Valuable Players. Both men were two letter winners and showed the drive and fight that was typical of the 1948 Rockford Rams.

GERALD FOX, head coach

CLINT BROWN, second team coach

FRED SCHULTZ, line coach



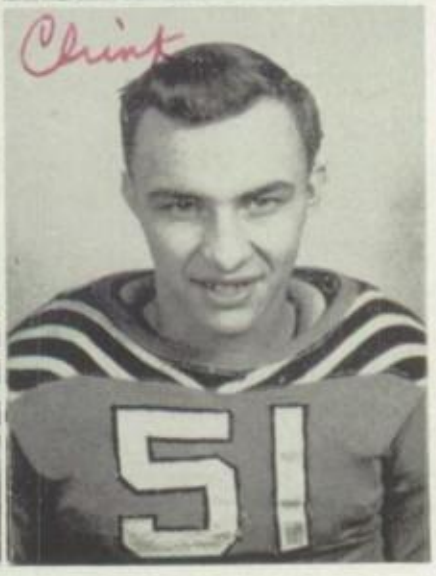
DON HARMER, end

RON COLE, back

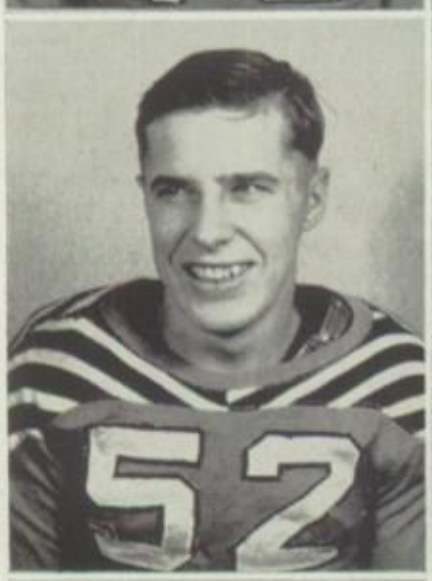
JOHN HAMILTON, end

ED SOLOMON, back

BERNIE YOUNG, back



CHUCK JORGENSEN, back



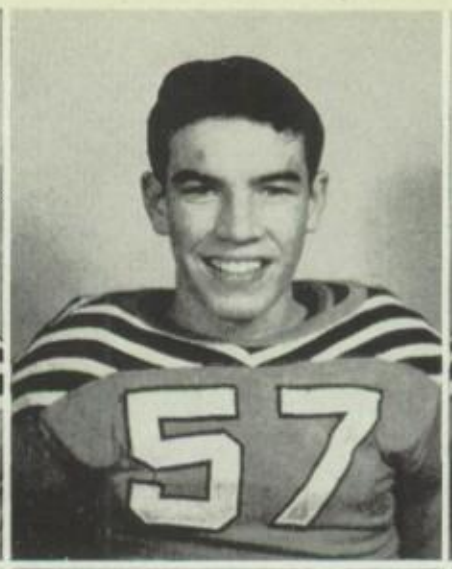
LOUIE JOHNSON, back

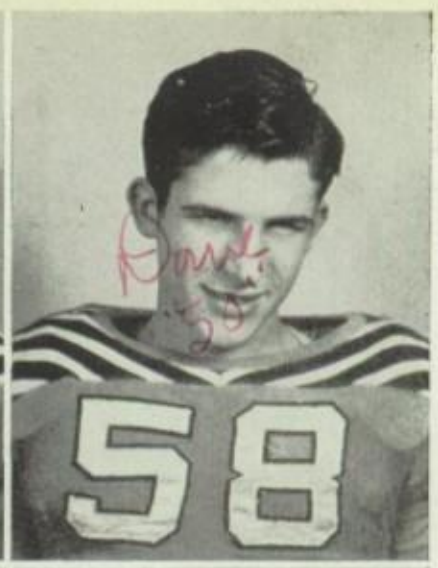
ED WOLVEN, back

BOB PITTS, center

DICK DENNIS, back

WENDELL CLARK, end
LARRY CORCORAN, end
DAVI SCHULTZ, tackle

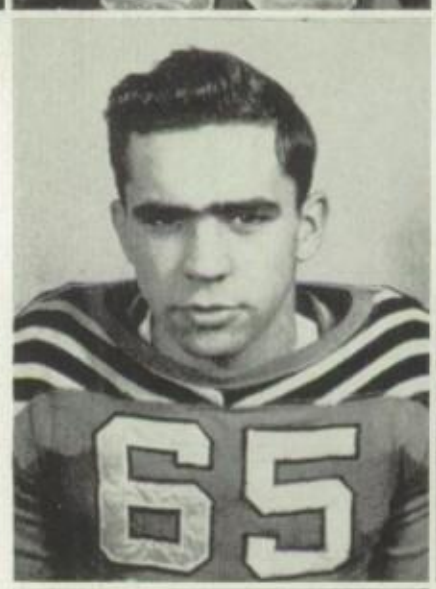




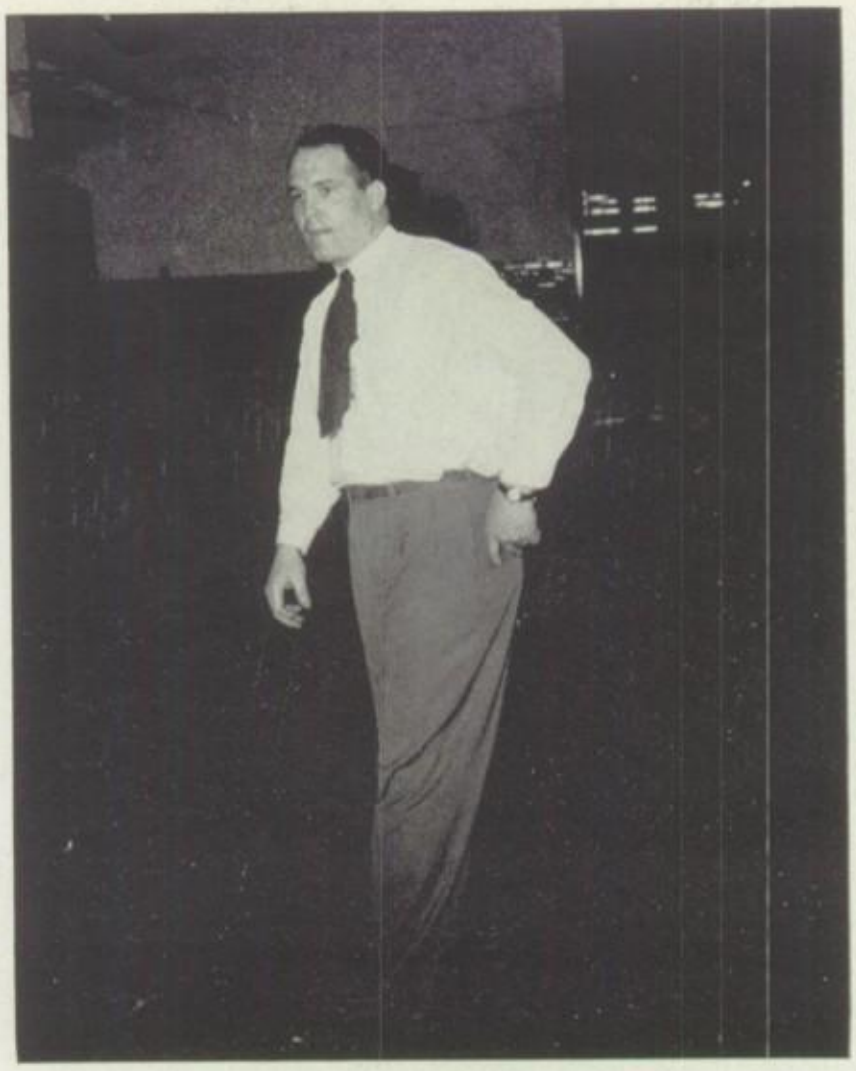
JIM STREETER, back
JERRY ANDERSON, center
DICK COVELL, guard

DON FEIKEMA, guard
PHIL LANGRIDGE, guard
DON ARMSTRONG, end

GORDON NELSON, guard
ROGER WILLETT, tackle



JIM FINCH, tackle
TOM McCARTHY, tackle



Coach Brown

Basketball

BASKETBALL RECORD

Rockford 47	Lowell	24	Rockford 37	Lowell	39
Rockford 25	Godwin	28	Rockford 25	Godwin	41
Rockford 44	Wyoming Park	28	Rockford 47	Wyoming Park	49
Rockford 46	Belding	36	Rockford 54	Cedar Springs	40
Rockford 41	Cedar Springs	31	Rockford 47	Grandville	32
Rockford 33	Grandville	42	Rockford 44	Lee	42
Rockford 37	Lee	39	Rockford 30	East Grand Rapids	51
Rockford 30	East Grand Rapids	31			

Coach Clint Brown, in his first season on Rockford's coaching staff led a scrappy basketball quintet to seven victories and eight defeats. The Rams started the season in impressive style by winning their opener against the Lowell Red Arrows, 47-24 but in their second game they took it on the chin — Godwin's high scoring Wolverines stopped them 41-25. The fast-breaking cagers, led by forward Chuck Jorgensen who scored 18 points came back strong against Wyoming Park and triumphed 44-28. Still riding the victory trail, the Rams downed Belding's Redwings, 46-36 as Dick Adams and Chuck Jorgensen pumped through 18 points apiece, and went on to improve its record by defeating Cedar Springs, 41-31.

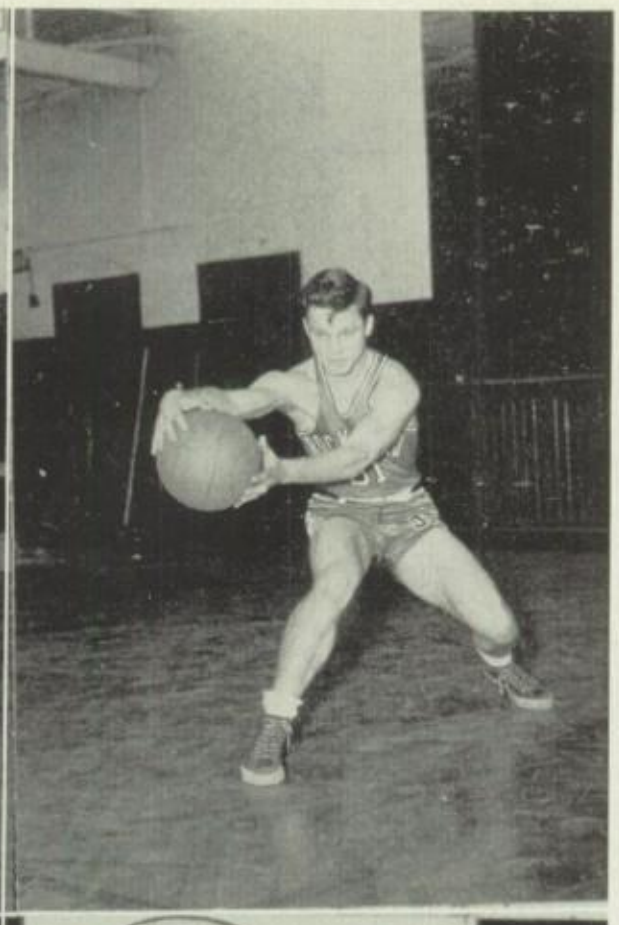
In their next game Rockford lost to Grandville, 42-33. The next three games were heartbreakers. Lee's Rebels edged past Rockford 39-37 in a game which saw the Rams stage a dramatic comeback in the final minutes only to fall two points short of the necessary margin. East came from behind to edge the determined Rams 31-30 in a fast moving battle on the Rockford hardwoods, and Lowell gained revenge for their first loss by nosing out the Rams, 39-37.

Godwin, flying high on top in the league standings, ripped through the Rams, 54-37, and Wyoming Park came from behing twice to top the Orange and Black 49-47 in a thrill packed double overtime contest.

Then, after six straight defeats Rockford tasted victory when they stopped Cedar Springs, 54-40, Grandville, 47-32, and Lee 44-42 in a hard fought contest.

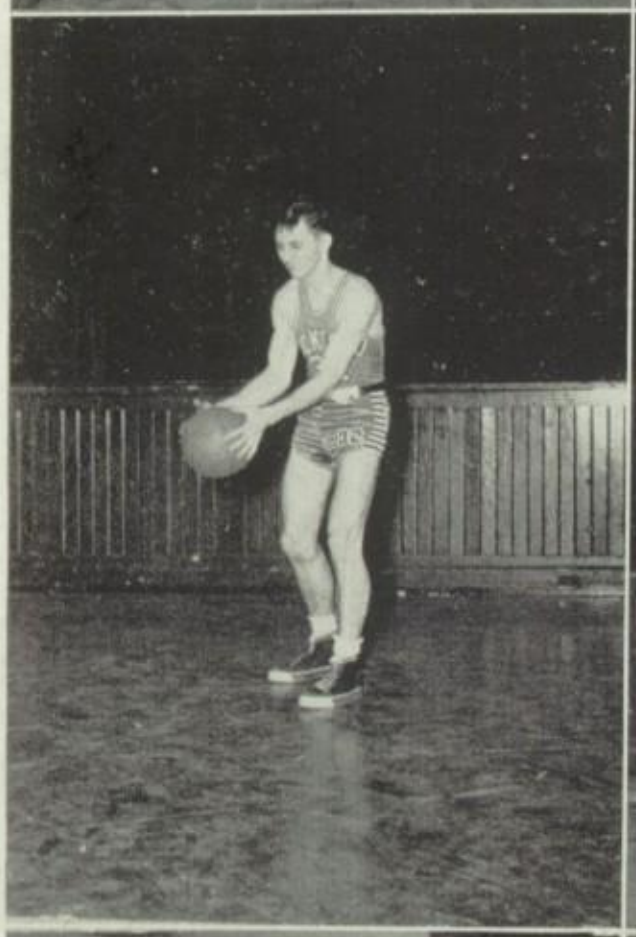
In the final game of the season East Grand Rapids defeated the Rams, 51-30.

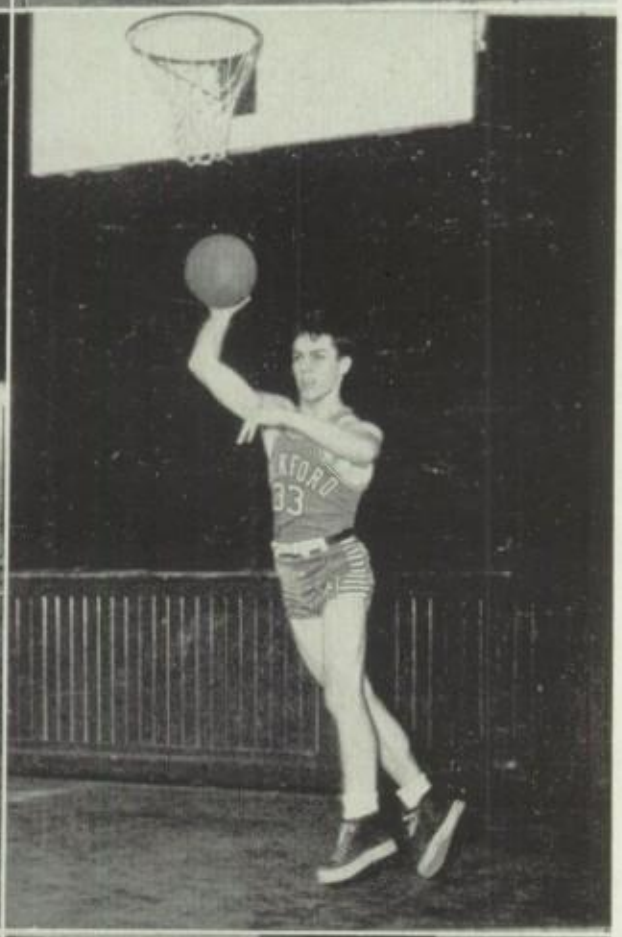
At the close of the season, forwards Chuck Jorgensen and Dick Adams were elected by their teammates as the most valuable players. Jorgensen led the team in scoring with 187 points and Dick Adams was next with 133 points.



DON ARMSTRONG

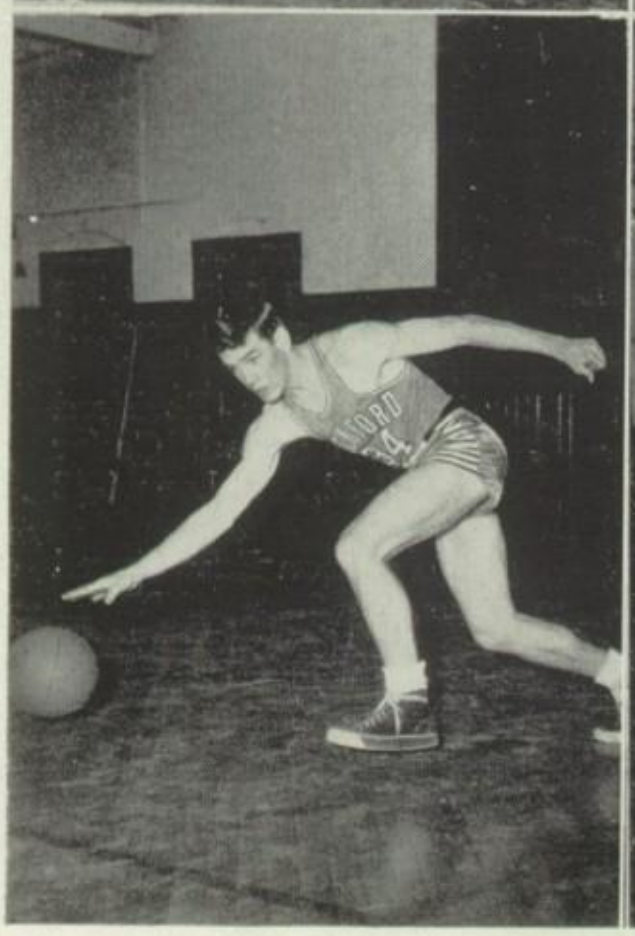
RON COLE

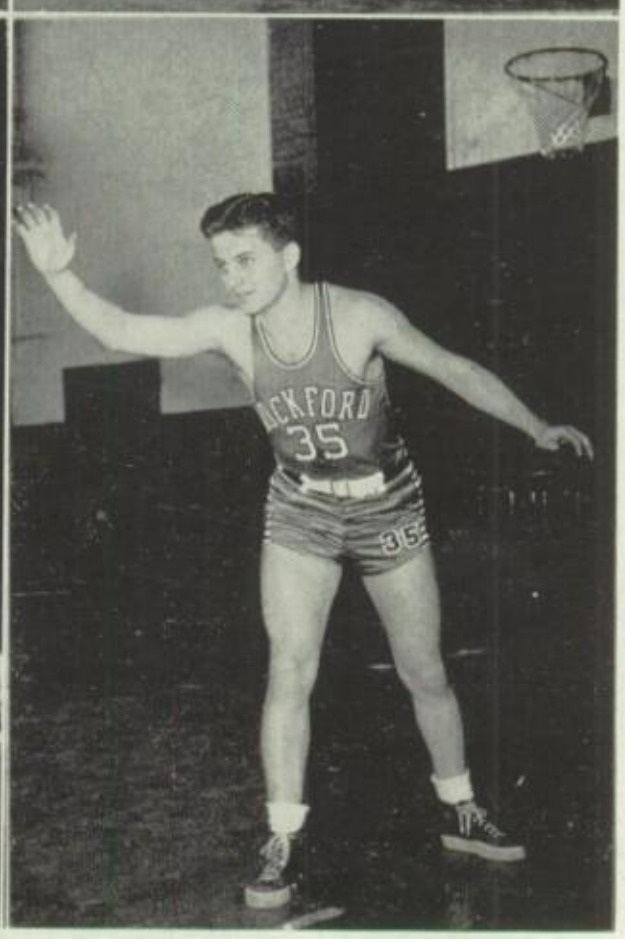




ED SOLOMAN

DICK DENNIS



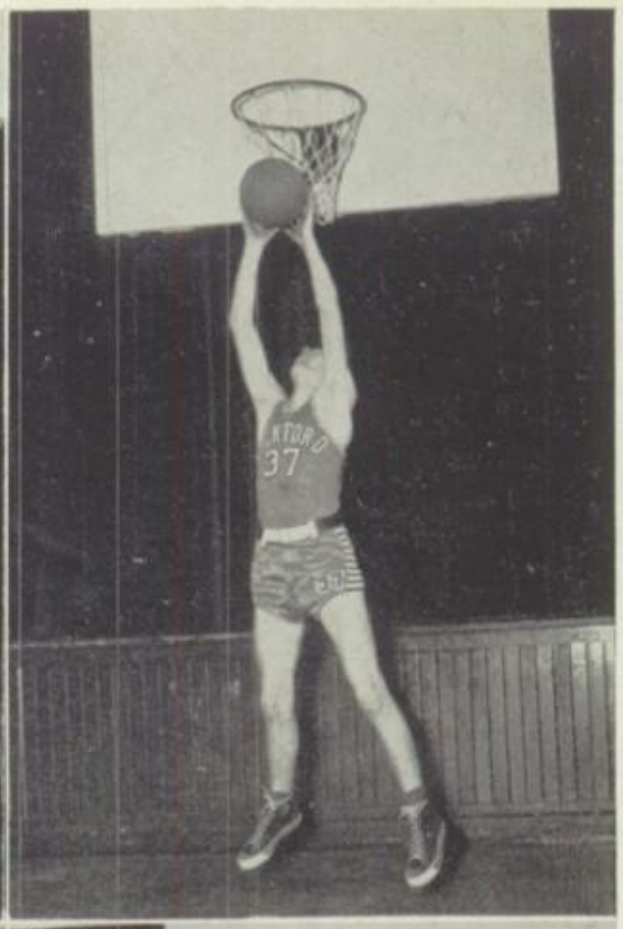


LARRY CORCORON

BERNIE YOUNG

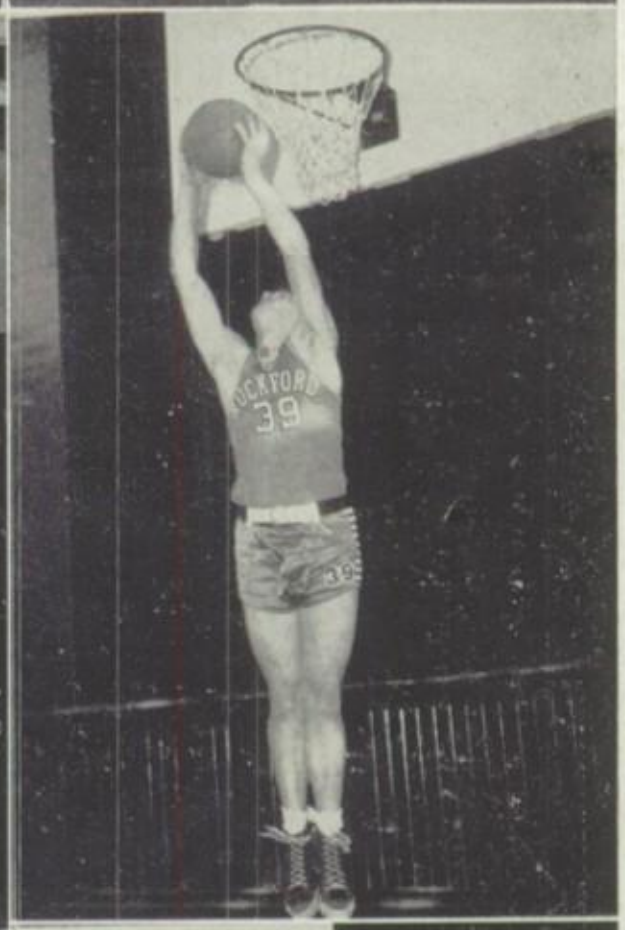
CHUCK JORGENSEN

BOB DELL



JOHN HAMILTON

WENDELL CLARK



DICK ADAMS

ED ATKINSON

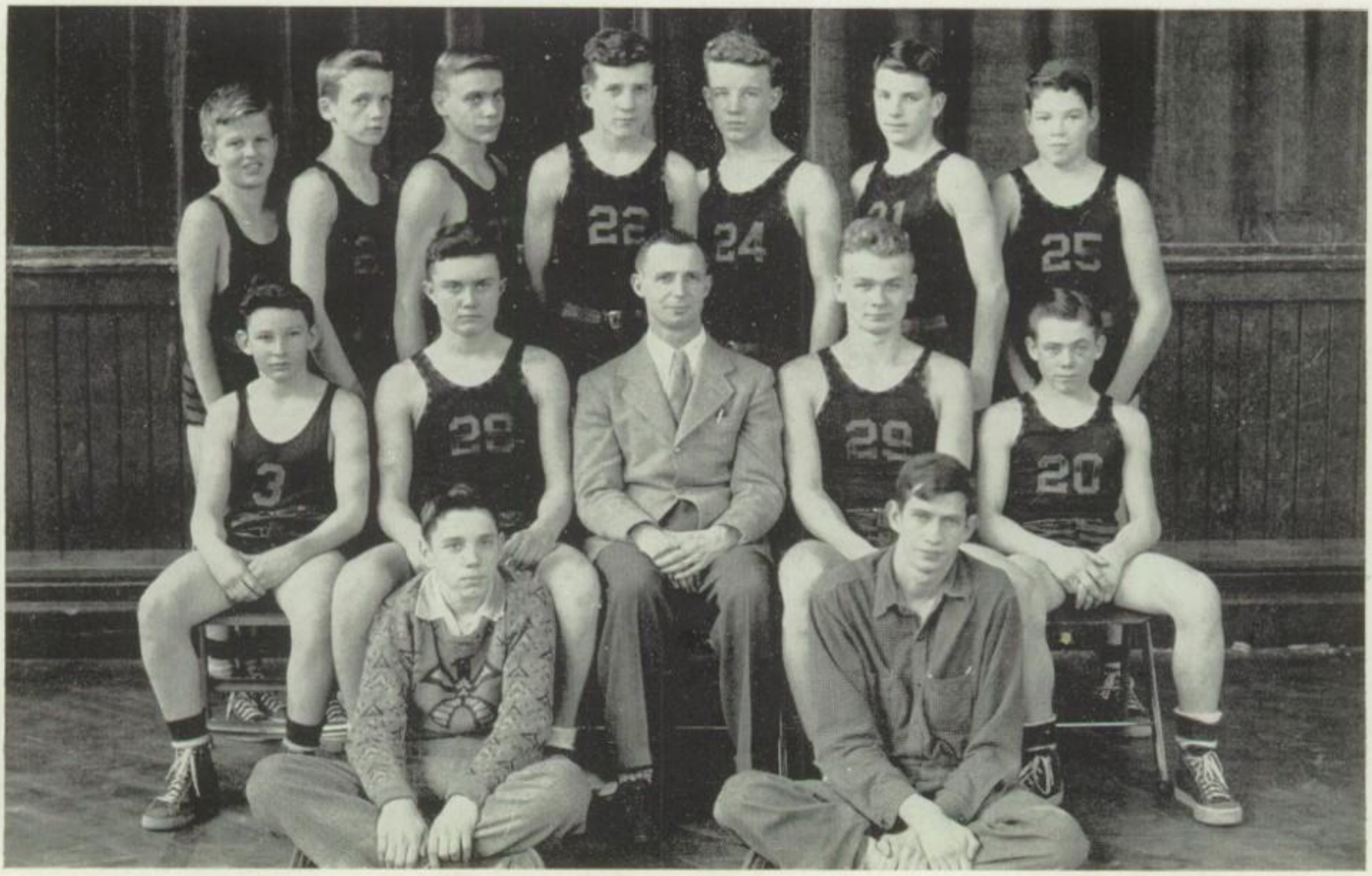
Back Row: Fritz Eby, manager; Jack Turner, Don Van Dyke, Bill Cramer, Jack Knopf, Ken Brownyard, Dave Baker, manager.
Third Row: Leigh Bloomfield, Jim Hickok, Phil Nielson, Gale Brantner, Jack Carpenter.

Second Row: Paul Phelps, Dan Baker, Hank Finch, Bill Corcoran, Ron Crisman, Coach Brown.
Front Row: Ray Swanson, Tom Winquist, Harlow Judson, Joe Janicke, Gaylord Mason.

Second Team Football

Back Row: Arlo Adams, Stanley Weir, Jack Knopf, Bib Winegar, Dan Baker, Henry Finch, Harlow Judson.

Second Row: Ray Swanson, Jack Brown, Coach Fox, Joe Janicke, Eugene Pyne.
Front Row: Bill Cramer, manager; Gaylord Mason, manager.



Second Team Basketball

Back Row: Eugene Pyne, Louie Johnson, Ed Lodden, Fred Feikema, Jim Pleune, Glen Switzer.
Second Row: John Steffen, Manager; Don Armstrong, Don Jorgensen, Joe Janicke, Gerald Fox, Coach, Charles Jorgensen, Gerald Anderson, Gene Cyrstal, Fritz Eby, Manager.
Front Row: Jack Kleinert, Bob VanKuren, Doug Peck, Jack Jones, Clyde Benham, Jack Tompsett, Bruce Jewell.

Baseball

GRAND VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD

Won 11 Lost 0

Rockford	4	Comstock Park	0	Rockford	6	Grandville	2
Rockford	9	Sparta	4	Rockford	10	Wyoming Park	0
Rockford	3	Godwin	0	Rockford	15	Cedar Springs	3
Rockford	2	Cedar Springs	1	Rockford	11	East Grand Rapids	2
Rockford	13	Lowell	4	Rockford	11	Greenville	1
				Rockford	12	Lee	4

Rockford's 1948 baseball team turned in a season record of eleven straight victories. This string of eleven victories gave the Rams a record of nineteen consecutive games without a defeat and brought them the Grand Valley Championship for the fourth time in as many years. The Rams, acclaimed by many observers to be one of the best teams in this part of the state, now boasts an amazing record of having won 32 of their last 33 games played.

Jack Tompsett opened the season by pitching a no-hit, no-run game against Comstock Park. Then Sparta was beaten 9-4. In their first league game the slugging Rams met their diamond rivals the Godwin Wolverines, and, playing heads-up ball, won by a 3-0 score.

The Rams edged Cedar Rapids 2-1, and then slugged their way to victory ovre Lowell 13-4. Grandville fell 6-2. At this point Rockford opened up a slugging barrage that none of their opponents could match. Wyoming Park was pounded 10-0, Cedar Springs 15-3, East Grand Rapids 11-2, Greenville 11-1, and finally Lee 12-4.

Back Row: Gordon Nelson, Dan Elrick, Dick Dennis, Don Harmer, Bob Hargraves, Norm Smith, Henry Finch.
Second Row: Larry Corcoran, Vern Hammond, Dale Darling, Ivan Goulooze, Don Roesner, Ralph Roesner, Tom McCarthy, Ken Norris, Coach.
Front Row: Arlo Adams, Manager, Jim Streeter, Don Cole, Rodney Mammond, Warren Carlton, Ken Buyze, Dick Perry.

Track

FINAL STANDINGS

Godwin	11	Rockford	3
East Grand Rapids	11	Grandville	3
Lee	8	Lowell	1
Wyoming Park	6		

Rockford's Track Team was slow getting started, but as the year went along, their rapid improvement showed signs of victories in the future years. The Rockford cindermen opened their season by dropping a meet to the Godwin Wolverines by a lop-sided 92 2/3 to 19 1/3 score. Their next meet was probably their most exciting. The Rams buttled on eve nterms with the Grandville Bulldogs in nearly every event, but were finally outdone by theri more experienced opponents, 53 1/3 to 59 2/3. Against the Red Arrows from Lowell, the Rams turned in their only victory of the year, winning 62-51.

In their three final dual meets, the Rockford thinclads lost to Wyoming Park, 63½-49½, to East Grand Rapids 79-34, and to Lee, 67 1/3-45 2/3.

In the Grand Valley Conference Meet, the Rockford trackmen improved their record by taking fifth place with 18½ points. Bob Hargraeves, a Sophomore, scored the Ram's only first with a 5' 6" jump in the high jump.

At the end of the season, Rodney Hammond, the Ram's number one dashman, was elected honorable captain of the 1948 track team.

Back Row: Harlow Judson, Dick Adams, Bob Dell, Wendell Clark, Al Hunting.
Front Row: John Hamilton, William Poppink, Coach, Myron Stouffer.

Tennis

GRAND VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD
Won 19 Lost 5

Rockford 4	Godwin	0	Rockford 3	Wyoming Park	1
Rockford 4	Lowell	0	Rockford 1	East Grand Rapids	3
Rockford 3	Grandville	1	Rockford 4	Lee	0

1948 marked the first time in the history of Rockford high School that a Rockford tennis team has emerged from their schedule with the Grand Valley Championship. The Rockford netmen opened the season by beating Godwin and Lowell both 4-0 and then went on to top Grandville and Wyoming Park both three matches to one. The champion Rams were bettered in only one meet but it was not enough to hinder their title hopes. East Grand Rapids' Pioneers beat Rockford by a three and one margin but the Rams went on the clinch the title with a 4-0 victory over Lee.

In the regional tournament at Holland, Rockford took second place when Dick Adams won the first singles championship. Dick lost only one match in the entire season and was considered one of the best tennis players in this vicinity.

Myron Stauffer, winner of three tennis letters and a member of the first doubles team was elected captain by his team-mates at the end of the season.

ACTIVITIES

Back Row: Ron Cole, Bob Winegar, Don Feikema, Don Harmer, Bob Sovereign, Morgan Buyze, Carl Smith, Ken Blayden.
Second Row: George Gryka, Ruth Kluonis, Phyllis Steffen, Marsha Weir, Shirlie Dennis, Marilyn Swanson, Ed Atkinson, Mr. Poppink, advisor.
Front Row: Ariadne Yeargin, Marie Hawkins, Vern Hammond, Dick Dennis, Delores Jewell, Barbara Oom, Mary Gave.

Student Council

Police Force

Back Row: Gary Baldwin, Phil Petly, Robert Harris, Dick Wood. Jack Bloomfield, Marvin Winegar.
Front Row: Bob Pitts, Larry Corcoran, Gordon Nelson, Dan Baker.

Student Court

Back Row: Marie Hawkins, Larry Corcoran, Jack Brown, Dan Baker, JoAnn May.
Front Row: Bob Dell, Jack Fifer, Joan Weller Ed Wolven.

Back Row: Barbara McBride, Evelyn Towers, Marianne Beatty, Larry Corcoran, Jack Brown, Don Armstrong, Bob Dell, Ed Lodden, George Gryka, Ed Atkinson, Wendall Clark, Don Harmer, Dick Dennis, Ed Solomon, Rosella Crist, Barbara Oom, Beverly Jewell, Lois Lamb.
Third Row: Janice Clark, Clara Fleming, Sally Morehouse, Joan Weller, Beatrice Posner, Bernie Young, Jerry Anderson, Ron Cole, Donald Gibson, Tom McCarthy, Don Feikema, Gordon Nelson, Bob Pitts, Joylene Rugge, Margie DenBraber, Mary Francis Weir, Pat Pierson.

Second Row: Carolyn Friske, Shirley LaBar, Carole Souffrou, Sue Erickson, Bessie Roosa, Shirley Graves, Charlse Wright, Don Hall, Delores Jewell, Carole Ammerman, Juanita Stewart, Hilma Neuhaus, Marilyn Swanson, June Krupp, Kletis Caldwell, JoAnn May, Vera Jenne, Helen Beauchamp, Martha Addison.
Front Row: Joan Morris, Joyce Tompkins, Joyce Hooker, Clara Naffziger, Helen Braman, Joann Johnson, LaVon Dorais, Mr. Disbrow, Marilyn Cole, Betty Habdy, Phyllis Parks, Idamae Reed, Shirlie Dennis, Barbara Keating, Barbara Zimmerman, Mary Callis.

Choir

The Senior Choir, directed by Mr. Loren A. Disbrow, has seventy-six members. Rockford choirs have held outstanding positions in our school not only because of the high percentage of students participating, but also because of their excellent record of achievements. Rockford's Senior Choir received a first division rating last spring at the State Festival. Responsibilities in this group are shared by Marilyn Swanson and Janice Clark, accompanists; Larry Corcoran, president and Student director; Barbara McBride, secretary; Sally Morehouse, treasurer; Martha Addison and Joyce Tompkins, librarians; and Barbara Zimmerman who heads the committee for the new choir robes.

Back Row: Doris Hullet, Kathryn Swanson, Marsha Weir, Jeanice Carpenter, Henry Finch, Tom De Fouw, Fred Stegenga, Tom Windquist, Joe Janicke, Robert Sovereign, Dave Barker, Jack Carpenter, Dave Baker, Jack Shear, Dave Spaulding, Norma Spaulding, Annette Sowerby.
Third Row: Ruth Kluonis, Doris Cramer, Bessie Jewel, Barbara Geddritis, Irving Ryan, Leigh Bloomfield, Dan Baker, Gordon McIntyre, Gail Brantner, June Barker, Donna Hardy, Betty Wondergem, Connie Beukema.

Second Row: Ariadene Yeargin, Darlene DeYoung, Barbara Burman, Ruth Forman, Brian Grant, Glenn Dorais, Marjorie Jackson, Eva Dryer, Lois Wildly, Shirley Baker, Mary Comstock, Berdina Feikema, Odetta Peterson.
Front Row: Doris Harrington, Mary Gave, Shirley Bye, Joan McClaren, Virginia Dorais, Ruth Haggai, Eugene Pyne, Carol Wheeler, Pat Stafford, Marion Pyne, Janice Corcoran, Anne Seeley, Sandra Shermann, Mr. Disbrow.

Junior Choir

The purpose of the Junior Choir is to prepare the younger, untrained voices for the Senior Choir. There are few performances for the Junior Choir, but the experience gained while in this group, will in time, build a stronger Senior Choir.

The Junior Choir includes grades eight through ten, and meets one hour a day. The effects of a good junior choir will be seen more and more in the coming senior choirs.

Back Row: Margaret Woodworth, Phyllis Steffen, Dave Baker, Barbara Young, Duane Forrest, Sally Blossom, Wes Stafford, Jerry Anderson, Bob Windquist, Mr. Disbrow, Sally Morehouse, Barbara Oom, Ruth Peterson, Jim Barker, Pat Webster, Phil Langridge.
Second Row: Jim Plume, Marian Gould, Ariadne Yeargin, Bernie Young, Carl Smith, Ted Quist, Angie Vissor, Mary Gave, Raymond Weller, Stanley Weir, Jim Bly, Ed Solomon, Don Armstrong, Bob Dell.
Front Row: Marilyn Swanson, Dan Elerick, Barbara Keating, Glen Driver, Barbara Rice, Marjorie Nelson, Janell Langridge.

Band

The Band, under the baton of Mr. Loren A. Disbrow, plays for many activities, including the Senior and Junior plays, pep meetings, and on Memorial Day. Also on its schedule is the band concert, and the band festival.

The band was improved both in size and quality, after the addition of several new members at the beginning of the school year. Rockford may well be proud of its fine band.

Left to Right: Harold Klatt, Director, Don Carlton, Barbara Keating, Janice Clark, Jack Fifer, Carol Souffrou, Ed Wolven, Joyce Hooker, Dan Elrick, Vera Jenne, Delores Jewell, Barbara McBride, Dick Dennis.

Senior Play

"WE SHOOK THE FAMILY TREE"

"We Shook the Family Tree" was presented by the senior class and was given excellent direction under the capable hands of Mr. Harold Klatt.

Its fast moving and humorous plot revolves around a teen-age girl, Hildegarde.

In attempting to get a date for the annual "hop," Hildegarde leaves herself open for her mother's choice — Freddie, — "the only boy in school who wears knickers!"

Many amusing situations present themselves as the time for the dance draws near, such as the time Freddie took Bob's trousers, the time Hildegarde's father tangles with his boss, and the scene in which Hildegarde receives beauty hints from her girl friends.

It is Freddie who finally saves the day by robbing his own house in order to get long trousers for the dance.

Hildegarde gets her date, Freddie gets long pants, and everybody is happy at the drop of the final curtain.

Annette Sowerby, Joan McClaran, Joyce Hooker, Joan LaBan, Sally Morehouse, Marie Hawkins, Phyllis Steffen, Beverly Jewell, Captain.

Cheerleaders

Dramatics Club

Back Row: Charlene Spinner, Mary Comstock, Ruth Klonis, Coleen Phinney, Marilyn Swanson, Joan Weller, Sally Morehouse, Sue Erickson.
Second Row: Marilyn Cole, Beatrice Poesner, Juanita Stewart, Joylene Rugg, Joyce Hooker, Mona Roesner, Carole Souffrou, Ida Mae Reed.
Front Row: Gerald Anderson, Ed Solomon, Lois Lamb, Barbara Oom, Rosella Christ, Mr. Klatt, advisor, Bernon Young.

Back Row: Vernon Hammond, Dick Covell, Bob Pitts, Chuck Jorgensen, Don Feikema, Jim Finch, Ed Atkinson, David Schultz, Wendell Clark, John Hamilton.
Third Row: Don Armstrong, Dave Baker, Jim Plune, Bob Cramer, Larry Corcoran, Ed Wolven, Bernie Young, Bob Hargraves, Gene Crystal, Louie Johnson.

Second Row: Glenn Switzer, Harlow Judson, Dick Adams, Myron Stouffer, Jim Streeter, Rom Cole, Jerry Anderson, Eugene Pine.
Front Row: Don Harmer, Roger Willett, Bob Dell, Mr. Fox, Gordy Nelson, Dick Dennis, Ed Solomon, Joe Janicke, Ed Lodden.

R Club

Girls' Athletic Association

Back Row: Pat Webster, Vera Jenne, Bessie Jewell, Annette Sowbery, Clara Fleming, Maradelle Stauffer, Colleen Phenney, Connie Beukema, Margaret Woodworth, Ruth Klounis, Mary Comstock.
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and the following ones
Sincerely
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get your good stories!
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'51

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to a
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To a fellow shot
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I love Weis

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now and in the
future "Tom"

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biggest little "stinker"
on two rs t.
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very pleasant kid
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that's
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thinks!)

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